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NEGROES PURCHASE OVER \$100,000 WORTH BONDS

Century Burial In Fall Campaign To Collect Annual Premium COMPLIMENTARY EXPRESSIONS FROM CHAIRMEN IN THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

The 3rd War Loan Drive now over, the Nation literally smiles upon its citizens for having bought its quota and over in War Bonds. While the National call is not heard in an organized way, the Nation is still calling. Buying War Bonds is like giving thanks to God. We would not think of waiting for the National holiday to give thanks and we should not wait for a National Drive to buy bonds. This should be an everyday duty—just as often as our income will permit.

Again we feel proud of our people and their purchase of bonds. We feel proud of the part they took in helping Yazoo County bring up its quota. We have successfully passed through three War Loan Drives and can still hold our "chins" up. We are determined to fight our way and surmount whatever hill or mountain that may be ours.

War bonds are avenues, essential avenues leading to victory. In my opinion they are quite attractive avenues. In our everyday life, we often choose to walk or ride down certain avenues because they are beautiful and pleasing, because they are smooth and broad. The purchase of war bonds present just such avenues. The scenery is lovely—our boys returning home, uniting broken homes; a substantial investment for the protection of a possible postwar depression; or, the means to become established in business or purchase the home that war days prevented. These things are the day and night dreams of Americans and the purchase of war bonds is one of the ways that we can help our dreams come true and save us from waking to find it was all just a nightmare.

More than \$100,000.00 worth of war bonds were loaned by Yazoo County Negroes to help bring back those we love and to see that those who have died will not have died in vain. While we are pinning a rose on ourselves here in Yazoo County, we are not unaware of the loyalty and devotion shown by Negroes all over the United States in purchasing war bonds and especially that spirit shown by a Mississippian, who, with his wife, now live in Washington. The following story of this family is given by the OWI:

"Something in the way of a national record for regular and sacrificial buying of war bonds has been set by a Negro family in Washington.

The story came to light when officials of the Procurement Division of the Treasury discovered that one of their clerks, Ambrose Shief, Jr., has for more than eighteen months been using over 75 per cent of each of his pay checks to purchase War Bonds. They also learned from Shief that his wife, likewise a Federal employee, does the same thing with each of her checks. The couple buys four \$100 War Bonds each month, yet their average annual salary is slightly over \$2,000 each.

Asked the inevitable question, "How do you eat and buy so many bonds?" Shief waved the sheaf of \$100 War Bonds to confirm his buying record, and said, "My wife is a very thrifty woman and knows how to practice economy. I was born into a poor country family of twelve near Pass Christian, Miss., and I soon learned how to save and take care of my earnings. I've been doing that over the years."

Patriotism also serves as a motive in the family's bond buying. Shief said: "We are buying bonds to help win the war. We are an all-American family and believe in this country. We feel that buying War Bonds is the best investment we can make. For, if the United States loses the war, our money wouldn't be worth anything anyway. We keep our bonds in a safety-deposit box. I'm not eligible for the army, so I feel I can do my bit by buying bonds."

When reminded of the "extra \$100 War Bond Purchase" appeal, of the Third War Loan, Shief promised he would buy a \$1,000 War Bond to help the Procurement Division reach its \$128,300 quota.

Both husband and wife are graduates of Howard University. Mr. Shief holds a degree from the Howard Law School. Mrs. Shief has an A.B. in Education and is actively interested in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She is affectionately known among her friends by her maiden name, Jennie Beer, and is a native of Pennsylvania. The Shiefs live at 1408 Hopkins Pl., N. W.

We quoted this story word for word, because the spirit is typical of Negroes everywhere and whenever appeals go out in behalf of the Negro, they are for this type.

As often as War Loan Drives shall come up, Yazoo County Negroes will be found giving full support. Those who worked as chairmen of committees, worked sacrificially and tirelessly, cheerfully and faithfully. We commend them all.

Complimentary Expressions

TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF YAZOO COUNTY:

We extend to you our heartiest congratulations upon your splendid attainment in the Third War Loan Drive, which has just been concluded. We are advised that the colored people of this county purchased approximately \$100,000.00 of these bonds. In our opinion, this is a magnificent achievement. We do not have the data from other counties, but we feel confident that no county in the State of Mississippi—or any other state—can match this feat which you have performed.

Especially do we congratulate D. W. Lindsey on the fine results obtained and the organization perfected under his direction. He will probably issue his own card of thanks to his executive committee, his various chairmen, and his other co-workers.

While the Afro-American Sons and Daughters was the largest purchaser of your group (T. J. Huddleston, Custodian of this splendid organization, can release the amount of such purchases, if he desires), and while there were several of your wealthy citizens who were liberal purchasers, yet we want all—and even the smallest purchasers—to know that their loyalty and help are deeply appreciated.

You did a great job, and we again congratulate you on your success and thank you for your fine cooperation.

Sincerely,
P. C. WILLIAMS, Director for Yazoo County,
R. R. NORQUIST, Chairman, Third War
Loan Drive.

Yazoo City, Miss.
October 9, 1943

Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr.
Yazoo City, Mississippi
Dear Mr. Huddleston:

I am writing to let you know that the recent "Third War Bond Drive" was a huge success in our county. This success could not have been achieved if it were not for the untiring efforts of leaders like you. Therefore, I am writing in behalf of the County Director, Mr. P. C. Williams; the County Chairman, Mr. R. R. Norquist, and myself as Chairman for our people, to express our most sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation.

You were soldiers working for the causes of Democracy and I know you can not help but feel proud that you were called upon at this time—a time when our country faces one of the greatest crisis in its history—to play such an important roll in helping to defeat the enemy.

There will be other drives, no doubt, and many more jobs to do before the end of the war and it is my hope that all of you will hold yourselves in readiness to serve where ever needed.

For your information, our Committee sold \$100,000.00 worth of bonds. This was a magnificent job.

Again, I want to thank you, I am
Very Truly Yours,
D. W. LINDSEY,
Co. Chairman for Negro War Finance
Committee.

Receives High Appointment

Just appointed to what is the highest judicial post ever attained by an American Negro, Justice Francis E. Rivers, of the New York City Court, today urged support of the Third War Loan.

With the nation, and our allies, headed for victory, Justice Rivers said:

"We people on the home front must re-double our efforts to bring a speedy conclusion to this war and thus save lives. For people on the home front there is one thing that we can do, and that is to buy bonds up to the point where it hurts. This is a more important purchase than any other purchase they can make," Justice Rivers said.

Justice Rivers' interest in financing of the war has been demonstrated by various activities and organizational efforts incident to the First, Second, and Third War Loans.

Fatally Shot

Mr. Hosey Stutts, son of Mr. G. W. Stutts, wealthy oil man of Anding and Jackson, Mississippi, was fatally shot October 4th, 1943, at Jackson, Mississippi. Funeral services for young Stutts were held Sunday, October 10, 1943.

Not Tomorrow, But Today

Today is the time to pay your annual Century Burial Premium. Remember what a relief it was all during this year to know that your premium was paid and on the other hand what a problem it was to have your premium ready during those lean months because you did not pay your premium annually.

Last year a great number of Century Burial members demonstrated good judgment and loyalty in paying their premiums in advance for a year and we are hoping that these and many others will do that same thing this year.

We know that money is circulating throughout the state at this season of the year and now is the time to put your premium one year ahead. To do this you will do two things—relieve yourself of the monthly concern and help in the war effort. As you know the tire and gas situation is not improving and since you paid your last annual premium, one more year's wear has been put on your agent's tires. Therefore, we urge you not to put off today for tomorrow, but to cooperate with us and help us keep the Century going over big. We are grateful for your past cooperation and feel you appreciate your agent and your Association to the extent that you will help us stay in the lead of Negro Burial Associations of the state.

No "Salestalk"

One does not like to "blow his own horn," that is, some people don't, and we believe the management of the Century Burial Association falls in this class, at any rate, if you ever hear any part of them "blowing," you may be sure it is not blown as loud as it could be. We talk about Gabriel's Horn waking up the dead—that is foreign—but if the Century Burial's horn was really blown to its capacity, people would rise up in great numbers all over the state and testify to the extent that those who have been sleeping on their duty to provide proper protection against the expenses and burdens caused when a member of the family dies, would be convinced that there is none better.

No doubt many have read or heard that the Century Burial Association is the largest Negro burial in the state, but that has probably been passed up as "salestalk"—as a matter of "boosting"—. Perhaps there are no visible signs of this being true in some localities—but as lightly as it may have been taken, it is all true. An ordinary monthly district meeting would convince one that it must be true. The excellent spirit of the agents and their love for the management, make it possible to operate successfully even under strenuous war conditions. So, whenever and wherever you hear the name Century Burial Association, you may be assured it means the largest in the state.

Visits Century Voice Office

Mr. H. Hull, wealthy Sunflower County Planter and Merchant of Indianola, Mississippi, stopped in at the Century Voice Office for a few minutes several days ago. His purpose in our office was to renew his subscription to the Voice. In expressing his delight with the paper he had this to say: "I enjoy reading the Century Voice. I take my paper with me every day and at every leisure, I read a portion. I read everything in every issue."

IN THE BULLETIN

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Mississippi's Quota \$770,000.00

The Nation is calling upon every citizen to contribute something to the National War Fund. The contribution is for a most worthy cause, and every one should want to contribute something. We are not being assessed or compelled. Whatever we willingly and voluntarily give is what the Nation is asking, however, a goal has been set for \$125,000,000.00. Our country has that much confidence in us and we must not let them down. As perhaps we have said before, we, the Negroes, have a special part to play, the call is to every citizen, regardless to race, and we are urgently asking that we work just as faithfully, contribute just as willingly and liberally as we have done in the Bond Drives.

This is our war. Our men are in it—at the front, or on their way. Our money is in it—rationing, scarcities, priorities. We can do more. We can help win the war sooner, and with a minimum loss of life. We can give our fighters, our allies and their families the greatest weapon of them all—THE WILL TO WIN. We'd do more, if we could be there. And we can be there through a prompt and generous gift.

We know that at this season of the year, practically every member of our group can give and we believe every one will give. Let us take a creditable share of azoo County's \$21,000.00 quota. Our Committee has accepted \$2,448.09 of the quota, let us give this and more if possible. We just can't let our men down. The Drive begins October 25th, and ends November 5th.

AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS BOND PURCHASES SOAR TO SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND

During the last War Loan Drive, the Afro-American Sons and Daughters purchased \$15,000.00 worth of war bonds which brought their total purchase to \$60,000.00. The fraternal organization has played an unexcelled role in the life of the Negro in Yazoo County and Mississippi since its birth and now, today, when we are in the midst of the world's biggest uproar, it steps in as a saving power to our War Efforts. The Custodian, T. J. Huddleston, Sr., is alive as in the days of yore, going here and there, throughout the state, building up the desire and encouraging the Afro members everywhere to stand by the organization, pointing out the things it is doing to build the race and give us a chance to overcome whatever obstacles we have had to unlimited programs. It is through his inspiring and stimulating words, his influence and personal contact with the members that the organization is able to give such wonderful support to the War Loan Drives.

If you are not a member of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters you are missing a great opportunity of being a part of something big and of something beneficial to you, to your state and to your country.

Sustains Painful Accident

Pvt. Lester Pleasant was painfully, but not seriously, injured when he was accidentally shot in the foot a few days ago. He was brought to the Afro-American Hospital and was later taken to the government hospital at Camp Flora, Mississippi, in an army ambulance. His condition is improving and it is thought he will soon be able to return to his post at Camp Custer, Michigan. He is the son of Mr. Pleasant of this city and husband of Mrs. Lucile Pleasant, a clerk in the Century Burial Office here. Many friends regret that Pvt. Pleasant had this misfortune while on his furlough and hope for him a speedy and complete recovery.

Rev. J. D. Wheaton Speaks Here

Rev. J. D. Wheaton, District Superintendent of the Meridian District, Methodist Church, delivered the address to the 1943 graduating class of the Afro-American Hospital. The speaker deeply impressed the audience on the subject, "Tomorrow Will Not Always Be Sunshine." He pointed out the sacrifices, the opportunities and the joys in the nursing profession and emphasized the greatness of service to humanity. The address will be a cherished treasure to all who heard it.